

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are currently pending and subject to a Restriction Requirement. The claims have been restricted as follows:

1. Claims 1-4 are drawn to a method of detecting a compound's ability to promote disaggregation of alpha synuclein via the mixing of the compound with Thioflavin T and an aggregated alpha synuclein solution; and
2. Claims 5-8 are drawn to a method of detecting a compound's ability to prevent aggregation of an alpha synuclein via the mixing of the compound, an alpha synuclein and Thioflavin (no aggregated alpha synuclein solution required).

Applicants respectfully elect Group I, Claims 1-4, drawn to a method of detecting a compound's ability to promote disaggregation of alpha synuclein via the mixing of the compound with Thioflavin T and an aggregated alpha synuclein solution **with traverse**. Should the pending Restriction Requirement be made final, applicants reserve the right to present claims 5-8 in a divisional application

Applicants have traversed this restriction requirement, because applicants believe that the search that will be made for Group I will be coextensive with the search that will be necessary for the Group II. It would appear to the applicants' attorney that the search that the Examiner would perform would involve searching for the same reagents and aggregated alpha synuclein regardless of whether Group I or Group II was searched. Accordingly, applicants' attorney believes that concurrent examining the claims of Group I and Group II would not constitute an undue burden to the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the current restriction requirement.

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Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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